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The Oyster Question.

Our neighbor, The Times-Dispatch, gives Our neighbor. The Times-Dispatch, gives an admirable example to the members of the Legislature in its position on the oyster question editorially expressed this merning. A compromise measure having met the objections to details of the provinced legislation, our contemporation. met the objections to details of the proceed legislation, our contemporary announces, as we understand, that it is willing to accept the principle of renting the arren oysicr beds to planters.—Richmond News Leader.

Of course, The Times-Dispatch "is willing the

to accept the principle of renting the barren oyster beds to planters." But principle is one thing and putting it into practice quite another. The barren oyster beds ought to be leased and all percons who take oysters ought to be required to pay to the State a fair tax. We have no doubt that Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries can be made to yield far greater quantities of oysters than is now the case

The Senate, in our judgment, acted wise. ly both in rejecting the Keezell substitute, many of the features of which are commendable, and in recommitting the Jordan-Cardwell bill. This is two important a matter for hasty legislation near the close of a busy session. The State has managed this industry in an unbusiness like way, and it is time to do better But we do not think that the measures which have been proposed are in the Interest of the State. The whole question will now go over, and in the meantime the people in the oyster region should themselves bring in a measure which they believe to be fair and practicable. They have objected, and remsonably so, to the measures that have been proposed. Now, let them offer a so lution of the problem.

It is a complicated question and difficult to understand. But this much is plain enough: When the Legislature shall have delegated to a legislative committce, or to the Board of Fisheries, or to any other body, full power to determine what are the natural oyster beds, rocks or shoals within the Baylor survey and to lease all bottom not coming within that designation, it will have committed vast interests of the State to a few men, beyond recall. When the grounds shall have been leased for a period of twenty years, the contract cannot be can-celled until the thin limit shall have expired. It is for this reason that The Times-Dispatch has protested against rushing through so important a measure at the tag end of the session.

If the United States Senate is to prewill have to put a check upon the President's strenuosity. If its function hereafter is merely to be to meet and to confirm the acts of Mr. Roosevelt, it and which we presume it wishes to impress upon the public mind.

That Mr. Loomis was the authorized spokesman of the President, there can be no doubt: that the object in view was to influence public opinion we may be sure, and to that end Mr. Loomis laid before his audience facts, or alleged facts, with which senators had not been made acquainted. And so the dignity of the Senate has been touched on a tender point and we shall be surprised if it does not show its sensitiveness.

This is a question aside from whether the Panama treaty should be confirmed or not. Mr. Hoar, who is seeking light on the history of the Panama revolution. probably will vote for the ratification of the treaty, but he asks, quite reasonably, we think, that the Senate should be put in possession of all information on the subject that can be given without detri-

ment to the public service. It would be a great gratification to the country to know that the United States have clean hands in this Panama matter. That gratification can be afforded thou in no better way than by a thorough alfting of the correspondence which has taken place between the authorities at Washington and its officers or agosts at Bogota, Colon and Panama.

If the Senate cannot be trusted to read this corespondence, then it must be very damaging, indeed, to our national charactor. On the other hand, if the administra tion will take the Senate thoroughly into its confidence and can show that it has acted properly, the distrust how felt will be removed and the United States will be in a satisfactory position before the world. Why Mr. Hoar's desire for further light on the subject should be so blu terly resented by the friends of the administration is not of easy explanation,

because he opposed the President's Philip-

But the thing that interests us mos just now is the question whether the Senute will allow the President to put it into a position where its only provilege is to confirm his acts.

State Lotteries.

Among other high crines and misde-meanors charged against Dr., Leonard Wood, late major general, ad interim, was the fact that he winked at an attempt to start a State lottery in Cuba-In commenting on national lotteries, the Chicago Record-Herald says:

The proposal of some of the Cuban leghelp out the revenues of the republic has met with the firm opposition of President Palma. In that respect the president shows himself an exponent of Anglo Saxon ideas of finance. Should be turn to the continent of Europe he would find almost everywhere the lottery as an established adjunct of the public tress-

A recent number of the Economiste Française contains an article describing these letteries and giving an idea of the extent to which they are patronized by the public. There are in general two lottery systems, one known as the Genoa lottery, the other as the Dutch lot-

The Genoa lottery is used by Italy and by Austria. It is not unlike our "policy." Ninety numbers are used, and five are drawn by lot to determine the winnings. In Italy these drawings take place weekly, and it has been calculated that the play at Naples represents annually twelve francs per head of the population, or about \$12 for each family of five persons. In Austria the lottery coffers have received since 1752 two and a half billion crowns, out of which the State has profited to the extent of 957 millions. For many years the lottery receipts exceeded by far the total annual receipts of the savings banks of

the country. The Dutch lottery is formed with a fixed number of lots and tickets, arranged usually in a series of classes. Holland has used it continuously since 1726, and at the present time the State profit is 653,000 florins a year. Prussia has had it since 1767, the annual profit being 65,000,-000 marks. Spain profits to the extent of 20,000,000 pesetas a year, and Denmark makes 1,200,000 crowns a year by the same

means A calculation of the probabilities in the Prussian lottery showed that if a player participated in a single drawing he had seventeen chances against him, while if he participated in four drawings he had first limb is 80 feet from the ground. 1.33 chances against him-this being his most favorable play.

Building Up the South.

It is reported from Chattanooga that an Italian corporation has purchased 15,000 acres of land not far from Mobile, upon which will be established a large Italian colony, for the purpose of de veloping the wine and cheese industry. Two hundred desirable Italian families are to be transported to the property and started in their avocations. The families are from the better class of Italians, and are industrious and thrifty. It is understood they will be brought South

early in January. A party of six Northern capitalists have sent representatives to the vicinity of Birmingham to investigate the advantages offered in that section for establishment of a large colony of Northern people. These representatives have under option nearly an entire tract of 25,000 acres of land in Alabama, not far from Birmingham, upon which the colony will be established. The plan is to erect factories, mills, stores and shops, as well as homes for the colonists. No property will be sold to speculators, as the proposition is to make the little town selfsustaining and permanent. About 4,000 people are to be taken to the location.

The men interested in the scheme are prominent Ohloans. Special effort will be directed in fostering truck farming which is admittedly considerably neglected all through the South,

We believe this to be but the beginning of a great immigration movement toserve its dignity and independence, it wards the South. It is now the most cetton industry it offers advantages which no other section can offer, and the possibilities are enormous. South's future is very bright.

The Right of Secession.

The New York Independent is offended because, after the recent meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy, at Houston, Texas, Bishop Capers offered this

"We humbly thank Thee, Almighty Father, for the past history of dur country, and for the inspiring reflection that, notwithstanding the disapointments and sorrows of our Confederate history, we came through its great trial and struggle with our battered saields pure, our character untarnished, and nothing to regret in our faithful defense of the honor and rights of our Southland."

The Interpendent, on the other hand, is

The Independent, on the other hand, is thankful that these "rights" are so far academic that no one would try to recover them. True, there is no right of secession now, for the Constitution of the United States, as amended, takes that right away from the individual States, constitutional right, and the Southern States exercised it when they seceded There is no doubt upon that score, and concede it. The men and women of this generation are proud that their fathers fought so heroically in the maintenance of their rights, and they have no regrets and they offer no spology.

Going to Norfolk.

The State Central Committee seem to have done the very best thing they could have done under the circumstances in appointing a subcommittee to go to Norfolk and take testimony in the pend-

ing cars under its consideration. With a thorough investigation thus made, passed upon by a committee, in which proxies are not allowed, we may safely rely upon justice being done. unless it be that they are hostile to him | in this way it is to be hoped, this pro-

tracted trouble may be brought to a

London correspondent tells this story of the late Herbert Spencer:

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"He used in his later years to pay visits to Mr. Grant Allein, between whom and himself there existed a great friendship. On one occusion he came provided with two curious objects tied behind his ears. These excited the curiosity of the company. Their purpose was soon disclosed, for whenever the conversation took a turn which did not interest him be pulled the things over his ears, and so obtained silence within himself. He called them ear-clips." onr-clips."

very good; but not so simple as the plan adopted by Judge Robinson, of North Carolina. As before related in this paper, the Judge, after valuity pleading with a lawyer to cease talking, filled his (His Honor's) ears with raw cotton, and then proceeded to read his newspaper in peace. This same judge (though a Republican national committeeman) lately distinguished himself by refusing to sit down at Mr. Hanna's dinner table with a negro.

The suggestion that the Confederate rearion of 1905 should be held in Baltimora is a good one. We believe the veterans would like to go there, knowing that they would be among a sympathetic and hospitable people. And then, too, in a sense, the war may be said to have begun in that city on the 19th of April, 1861, when portions of a Massachusetts and a Pennsylvania Regiment, in passing through, were stoned by co indignant concourse of citizens. Several men were killed and many were injured, and thenceforth the heavy hand of the Federal govcrument was laid on that city and State.

Baltimore is a suitable city in which to hold a Confederate reunion. There are thousands of old Confeds resident there, and many others would gladly attend a reunion there.

There are glants in these days, too! One of them is M. Hugo, a Frenchman, aged twenty-six, who is seven foot nine inches in height and weighs 430 pounds And he is still a-growing!

This young man was in New York a

few days ago homeward bound to spend the Christmas holidays with the old folks. this country he has been distinguishing himself as the big man in a side show.

If he is a wonder in America, what must be be in France, a country where the average height of man is consider ably less than it is here?

Haywood county N. C. has produced a tree which will bring its owner \$1500. It is a curly-poplar measuring 7 feet 8 inches through at the butt and whose The tree is said to have been worth 'more than the tract of land upon which it was grown"-more than the tract minus the land, we suppose.

It is a pity that such a monarch of the forest should have been cut down. Probably it would have grown in value as the years went by. It seems extremely unlikely that any substitute for wood in the arts and industries ever will be found,

Mr. William J. Hammer, consulting electrical engineer of New York, delivered a lecture in Baltimore a night or two ago on the subject of radium. Ho said that five thousand tons of pitchblende are necessary to produce a little in excess of two pounds of radium, and when at last the product is obtained, its value is \$2,721.555.90.

That is figuring down to an exact point. Heretofore we have had very vague statements with relation to the price of radium. Mr. Hammer says radium looks very much like salt.

In Philadelphia a day or two ago the syndicate which deals in Christmas trees found itself overstocked, and therefore caused thirty carloads of spruce and pines to be thrown into a pile and burned. The normal demand of Philadelphia is for fifty thousand trees; there are on hand now about thirty thousand with which to satisfy it, and prices will therefore rule high accordingly.

The total number of eligible voters here, who have paid the poll tax, is 5,573, Among these are numerous veterans, who would have been qualified to vote with-out this payment. This is a fact to be en calculations are n In trucking, in fruit-growing and in the the grand total. But, in any event, Richmond has a very, very small electorate for a city of her population.

> Alaska does not wish to be left out in the cold. It has held the convention and elected delegates to the National Republican Convention favorable to the m mination of Mr. Roosevelt. It heads the list, we believe.

The Crown Prince of Germany seems to be something of a rough rider also,

With a Comment or Two.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch thinks the Advertiser wants to stop Mr. Cie. e. land from hunting ducks and force into run for President anyhow. Not quie so bad as that, for he can take a day off for hunting while he is President, or aven while a candidate. We don't want to cut him off entirely from his favorite sport.—Montgomery Advertiser.

The Richmond Councils have massed an ordinance raising the solaries of the four city judges from \$3.20\times to \$1.00\times a year. This is a movement in the right direction and sets a good example for the city of Norfolk—Norfolk Virginian-rilet. Cheap judges often prove to be costly officials.

Senator Smoot seems content to hold his peace and let his enomies weary the public.—Newport News Press. Smart man is this Senator Smoot.

Personal and General.

Israel Zangwill is writing a book on Zionism, in which he deals minutely and at some length with the problem of the return of the Jews to Palestine.

Headed by its secretary, Rev. Roland D. Sawyer, the Anti-Profanity League has begun a crusade in Bostog, the easte thinking that such a crusade is mach needed in the hub.

Mrs. Trompson B. Ferguson, wife of Oklahoma's Governor, is dean of newspaper women in that Territory, having been actively engaged in journalism for a number of years.

James Robert Spurgeon, late secretary of legation for the United States and charge d'affaires at Monroyla. Liberta, Africa, has been spending several days in Brooklyn prior to his return to Liberta, where he is to hold a cabinet position under Fresident. Barkiey, who will assume onice on January ist.



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ANIMAL STORIES FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

SIR RUPERT—PRIZE DOG.
Sfr Rupert wore a ribbon bright
About his neck, and so
lie walked seducely down the street,
The proudest dog, you know.

He sniffed his nose up in the air And tossed his royal head; fig scorned to make acquaintance with The street dog, lowly bred.



THE PROUDEST DOG.

He vowed he'd never eat a bone
Again; it is no good:
lec cream and tats and candles are
The only proper food.

Eut soon Sir Rupert dropped his pride And sickened of the sweet.

Just now he gnaws a mutton bone With plain dogs, on the street.

—Horace Seymour Keller.

OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF THE DAY

Monstrosities Not Wanted.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: World's fairs are said to be highly edu cative in their influence, and after three or four dozen, of them have been held in the United States the knowledge will be the United States the knowledge will be quite generally disseminated even into the uttermost byways and to the remotest namiets that the management of a world's rair is not looking for three-toed children and monstrostics of var.ous kinds to viace in its exhibits showing the rybourc.

I of the earth and the progress of civilization. At pressht this is not well known. All over the country districts in distant States the most confused notions pevaniabout the character and purpose of a world's fair. Offers are daily received of trenks, which are usually seen in a dime museum. The debasing effects of dime museum is clearly exhibited in this desirnat animal detormities have a place timong the d splays at a world's fair. There is an indistinct demai kation in some minds between what is interesting and what is sickening. The luman sanke or some such enormity is looked on as periectly proper object on which to feast one's eyes. But there seems to be two ord's Fair. It may be safet to have one on "mientional overside". No one could be found who was a therefore one order in misshape world sub-creation, or who would undertake the headship of such a department. It will be assuppointing for great many people who are writing letters offering choice norrors, calculated to fill you with shudders, to find all—not a single shocking object worse than a totem pole. If we hear of any one wanting a horror we may let you know, you know. quité generally disseminated even into the

Business Arrangement.

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The big fat man was a annoyed, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

"The fast is," the tallor told him, "you are so much insper than the average man we'll have to make an extra charge for your suit."

The big man had heard the same proposition before, and he did not like it.

"Do you make a reduction to small men?" he asked.

"Well, no: that isn't our custom," the tallor admitted.

The fat man felt the tallor thus secured an advantage which he ought not to have.

"How much cloth does it take to make a suit for a man of good size, but not a suit for a man of good size, but not a suit for a man of good size, but not

a sail for a man of good size, but not large to get in at regular price?" he asked. "In other words what's the maximum you allow?"

'The tailor told him.
"Suppose I order double that amount of co.h made up into two sails?"

'That's all right, said the tailor, "but I don't see what good it will do you."

"I'll get them both at the regular price, won't 12"
"Certailmy."

"Certainly."
And its nothing to you whether there is the same amount of material in each or a lot in one and very little in the other?"

"No-o."
"All right, Just take my order for two sults. I've got it fixed with a little skinny tellow in the next block to go in with me on this, and we'll just about make the average right. I'd rather divide what I save with him than let a tallor give me the worst of it."

North Carolina Sentiment. The Durham Herald disposes of that reacher's alleged attack on the press

We are not thinking hard of Rev. Mr. Massee because he thinks some newspapers, should be muzzled. We may think the same thing of some preachers.

The Winston-Salem Sentinel touches Bome person's idea about free speech is that the other fellow should be barred from the privilege.

The Charlotte Observer says:

If General Wood is innocent of the charges being brought against him, it would seem that he should be brought from the Philippines to disprove them. It he is guilty, it is protably just as well to allow him to stay over there for the present.

The Scotland Neck Commonwealth put

The Scottand Neck Commonwenth pursue in this paragraph;
Some people think that too much is said about the negro, and perhaps it is true out when men like President Roosevett.
Dr. Bassett and Senator Hanna keep pressing the subject upon the people by their words and acts, how may we expect the people of the South to disregard it.

The Wilmington Star makes a point it The Wilmington Star makes a point in the following:

A senator who was being interviewed the other cay on a question of great public importance, expressed his apinion, but said to the reporter: "I wouldn't like to be quoted." A man whose opinion is worth anything and hasn't got the courage to let it he known, is too poor a snort ic he stiting in a high place. Too many trimmers like that get positions by their adroit straidding or their knack of steering clear of the questions of the day.

Social and Personal

The first german of this season, given by the Hichmond Cotilion Club, was danced last evening in the Masonic Tem-

Everything contributed to its success, the music, the leader and the Christmas spirit, which seemed to inspire the hearts and the feet of the dancers. Those presents

spirit, which seemed to Inspire the fact and the foet of the dancers. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson; Miss Lillian Binford, with Mr. Brooke Catlin; Miss Mary Drake, with Mr. 19. A. Banghman; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cooke, Miss Ella Hammond, with Mr. Thomas Brock-onbrough; Miss Nina Whitmore, of Petersburg, with Mr Conrad Hutcheson; Miss Laura Rutherfoord, with Mr. Robert Catesby Jones; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Spicer: Miss Lucy Skelion, Mr. Travers Eppos; Miss Bertha Adamson, Mr. Georgo D. Morgan; Miss Helen Stevens, Mr. W. R. Turner; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stevens; Miss Fontaine, of Albemarie; Mr. Roy Jones; Miss Nunnie Waddil, Mr. Percy Pemberton; Miss Louise Mc-Adams, Mr. James Dumlop; Miss Charlette Miller, Mr. Henry McCance; Miss Edith Seymour, Mr. Richard Bidgood; Miss Louise Herbert, Mr. Heverly Fleet; Miss Linda Bargamin, Mr. Woodson Waddy; Miss Anne Morris, with Mr. Hal Adair; Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Talley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin T. Burnley One of the pretitest teas of of the week.

Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin T. Burnley
One of the prettlest teas of of the week
will be given to-day from 4 to 7 P. M. by
Mrs. Carry Ellis Stern, at her home, No.
1210 Grove Avenue.

Mrs. Farm, who is the most gracious
and delightful of hostosses, will be assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss
Emma Lewis Bowe.

Mrs. N. W. Bowe and Mrs. Muscoe
Garnett will be at the chocolate table;
Mrs. John Clifford and Mrs. W. Greanor
Neale will dispense punch.

Young ladies assisting in the diningroom will be: Miss Edith Grant, Miss
Sophio White, Miss Elise Parkinson, Miss
Sadie and Miss Waller Joffress, Miss Julia
Ryland, Mrs. Bruco and Mrs. Stuart
Bowe, Miss Mary Frayser, Mrs. Evan
Chesterman and Miss Bessie Ellyson.

In Green and White.

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Mrs. Walter H. Miles, of No. 222 West Franklin Street, was "at home" in delightful fashion to her friends at 6 clock yesterday afternoon.

Halls and staircase, wreathed in holly, rine and mistletoe, carried out the Christmas and December Idea. Drawing and dining-rooms were in green and white, white carnations and maidenhair forns, making the banking of matels and the center placque of the table and a background of palms, showing off the pretty gowns of the hostesses.

The color scheme was emphasized beautifully in the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments and bombons. Standing with Mrs. Miles was a groun including Mrs. O. H. Funston, Mrs. Lewis C. Williams, Mrs. Langhorne Putney and Mrs Thomas Armistead.

Assisting in the dining-room were Miss Gray, Miss Sue Spilman and a charming quartette of debutantes—Miss Edith Grant, Miss Ruth Hobbard, Miss Marion Elisc Parkinson and Miss Mildred Hill.

Smith—Howard.

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At Greenland, in Hanover county, the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Overton Howard, the marriage of Mass Eva Howard to Mr. Lewis Smith took place on Thursday, December 17th, at noon.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. S. Crowley, of the Ashland Prosbyterian Church, and the marriage was very quiet, no one but the immediate family being pressit.

The bride, who is a handsome brunette, is deservedly one of the most popular and beloved young ladies in the community. She was becomingly attired in a dark blue traveling suit.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Pulaski City. He left with his bride on the mid-day train, south, followed by a shower of rice and congratulations. The numbor and beauty of bridal presents received evidence the popular esteem in which the contracting parties are held.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Bernard Weeks to Mr. William F. Betts, the marriage to take place December 23d, at the home of the bride's parents in Petersburg. Mr. Betts is engaged in the tobacco warehouse business, this city, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

Invitations have been received in Richmond from Mr. and Mrs. Howison Hoos Wallace for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Mary Gordon Wallace, to Mr. Robert Soulter Knox, of the United

Robert Soulter know.
States army.
The ceremony will take place Wednesday, December 20th, in Fredericksburg.

Another out-of-town weading of in-terest, to take place early in January, is that of Miss Gertrude Rutherfoord, the daughter of Mr. John Rutherfoord, of "Lenore." Va., to Mr. Holmes Hardesty, of Clarke county.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. J. W. Elliott, of Newport News, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Doyle, at No. 916 Park Avenue.

Miss Mary Russell, of Winchester, considered one of the foremost of Virginia belles, has been in Baltimore, where she has received a flattering degree of attention at the Bachelor's Cotilion and the other germans, which have since taken

Miss. Russell has been the guest of Mrs. Carter Scott several times within the past two years, and has many friends in

The wedding of Miss Minnie L. Brown and Mr. Clinton A. Bowen, of Winchester, Va., took place in Washington, D. C. Wednesday afternoon, at the same time that Mr. Charles W. Fritts and Miss Valley Dellinger were being married in the parlors of the Jefferson here. Wednesday night, the quartette, who are close friends, met in Washington and are now spending a week in the Eastern

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The Mary Custis Chapter, Daughters

. APPEARING OLD.

Acts As a Bar to Profitable Employ. You cannot afford to grow old.

or the Confederacy, nave sources of the Confederacy, nave sources provided the sources of the Stonewall Jackson home for a Confederate Memorial Hospital.

The booklet is tastfully beund and handsomely illustrated, the sources of persons, which it contains, being those of General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, painted by West shortly after their marriage in 1831; General R. E. Lee in Confederate uniform; General W. N. rendicton, General Stonewall Jackson, General F. H. Smith, Commodere M. F. Maury, Colonel J. M. Brock, Governors McDowell and Letcher; Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, Judge J. W. Brockenbrough and Hon, John Randciph Tucker, "Accompanying the pictures are sketches of interest. You cannot afford to grow old.
In these days of streamous competition it is necessary to maintain, as long as possible one's youthful appearance.
It is impossible to do this without retaining a luxurious growth of half.
The presence of Dandruff indicates the presence of a burrowing germ which lives and thrives on the roots of the hair until it causes total baldness.
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Herpicide makes an elegant hair dressing as well as Dandruff cure.

ng as well as Dandruff cure ing as wer as Dandruir cure.
Accept no substitute—there is none.
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To-Day \$9.75.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot

The Universal Prayer.

By POPE.

Alexander Pope was born in London May 22, 1688, and died at Twickenham in 1766. His father had retired from business with a small fortune. The Popes were Catholica, and consequently, the boy was actualed from the public schools, wherefore his aducation was somewhat irregular; yet before he was 12 he got a smattering of Greek and Latin. He afterwards learned French and Italian, At 12 he was a confirmed reader, and use in the tage resolved to take a place in the front rank of the poets of his country. It is said that one day in London, with his was a mere boy and almost a crip lo, he is said that one day in London, with his was a mere boy and almost a crip lo, he copel into a coffee house to take a look at Dryden. From such beginnings spran; the famous translator of Pope's "lind," the author of the "Essay on Man," the write of famous translator of Pope's "lind," the author of the "Essay on Man," the write of famous translator of Pope's and the literary dictator of England in his century. All through life Pope was a physical, but not a mental, thvalid.



FATHER of all! in every age, In every clime, adored By Saint, by savage, and by sage, Jehovah, Jove, or Lord!

Thou great First Cause, least understood. Who all my sense confined To know but this, that thou art good, , And that myself am blind.

Yet give me, in this dark estate, To see the good from ill; And, binding nature fast in fate, Left free the human will: What conscience dictates to be done,

This teach me more than hell to shun That more than heaven pursue. What blessings thy free bounty gives, Let me not cast away; For God is paid when man receives:

Or warns me not to do,

· To enjoy is to obey. Yet not to earth's contracted span Thy goodness let me bound; Or think thee Lord alone of man, When thousand worlds are round.

Let not this weak, unknowing hand Presume thy bolts to throw, And deal damination round the land On each I judge thy foe. If I am right, thy grace impart

Still in the right to stay; If I am wrong, oh, teach my heart To find the better way. Save me alike from foolish pride, Or impious discontent;

At aught thy wisdom has denied, Or aught thy goodness lent. Teach me to feel another's woe; To hide the fault I see; That mercy I to others show,

That mercy show to me.

Mean though I am, not wholly so, Since quickened by thy breath; Oh, lead me, whereso'er I go Through this day's life or death. This day, be bread and peace my lot:

'All else beneath the sun Thou know'st if best bestowed or not, And let thy will be done. To thee, whose temple is all space,

Whose altar, earth, sea, skies! One chorus let all being raise; All nature's incense rise!

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